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FORMER CITY OF NEWARK SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

NEWARK, N.J. – A former Identification Officer and Special Police Officer with the City of Newark Police Department admitted today that he evaded the assessment and payment of income tax by maintaining a fraudulent IRS W-4 form with his employer and failing to file a U.S. individual income tax return with the IRS, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Gregory Bibb, 34, of Washington, D.C., pleaded guilty to a count of tax evasion for his fraudulent Form W-4 and subsequent failure to file a federal tax return. Bibb entered his guilty plea before Senior United States District Judge William H. Walls in Newark federal court.

According to the Information to which Bibb pleaded guilty, other documents filed in this case, and statements made in court:

In 2001, Bibb filed an IRS W-4 with his employer, the City of Newark, falsely claiming 99 exemptions from federal income tax withholding. Bibb admitted that he filed the fraudulent form so that no federal income tax would be withheld from his City of Newark paycheck. Bibb maintained the fraudulent form on file with the City of Newark through September 2005.

Bibb admitted that he failed to pay any federal income tax for the calendar year 2004. He also admitted that he received wages from the City of Newark in the amount of approximately \$90,029 in 2005 and failed to pay any federal income tax for that calendar year.

In September 2005, the City of Newark was directed by the IRS to nullify Bibb's false claim of 99 exemptions and to begin withholding federal income tax from his paycheck; however, in July 2006, Bibb filed a second fraudulent W-4 with the City of Newark, again falsely claiming 99 exemptions from withholding in order to prevent the assessment of federal income taxes. Bibb admitted that he also failed to pay any federal income tax for 2006.

The count to which Bibb pleaded guilty carries a maximum potential penalty of five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for January 11, 2011.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents with IRS – Criminal Investigation in Edison, N.J., under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Victor W. Lessoff, with the investigation leading to today's guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra L. Moser of the United States Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division in Newark.

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Defense counsel: Chester Keller, Esq., Newark, N.J.